

Welcome to

River Legacy Parks Paddling Trail

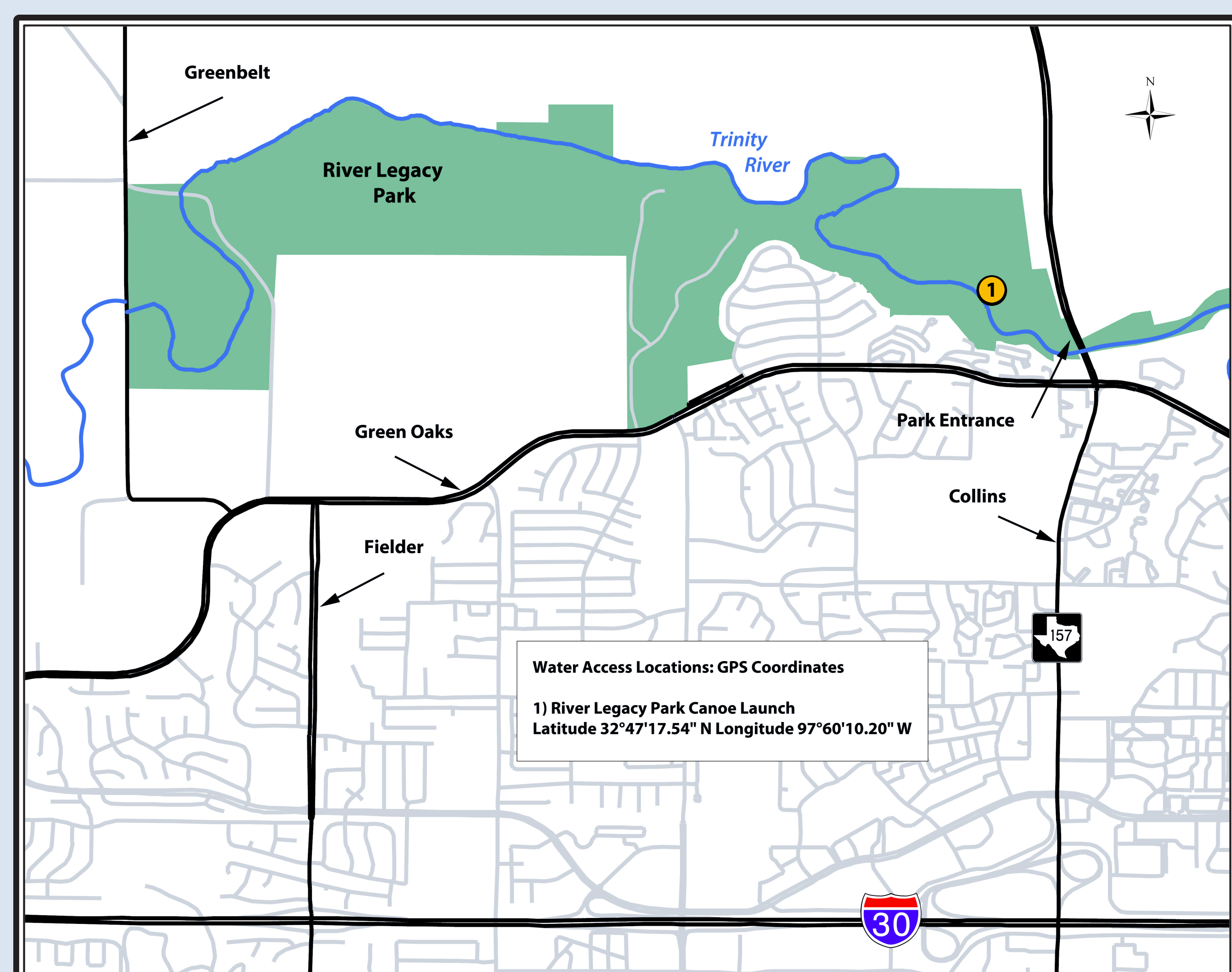
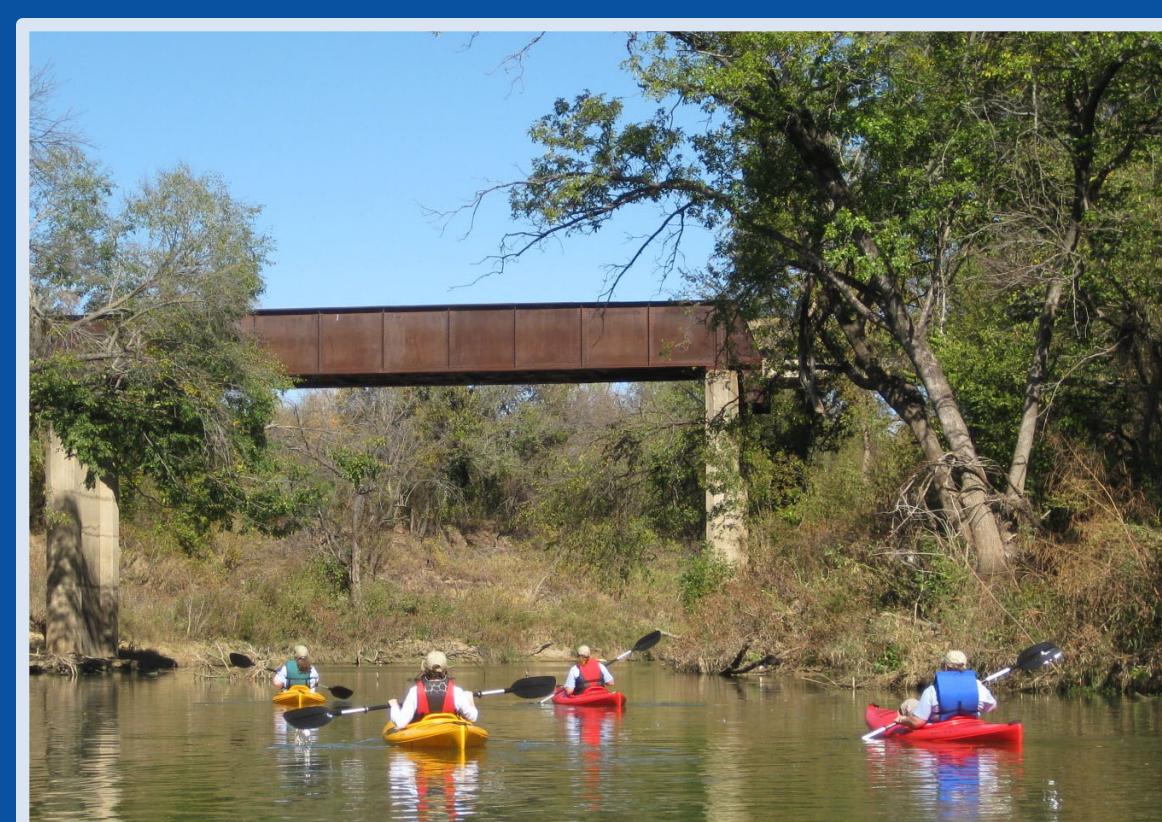


Trinity River

Paddling Trail Length: ~4.2 miles

Float Time: ~1.5-4 hours (depending on water level, flow rate and wind speed)

Note: This trail can be paddled as a “loop” trail in which paddlers can launch from the park’s access site and paddle upstream as far as desired or flow conditions allow. Paddlers can then turn around and travel downstream to complete the loop. If paddling this trail as a loop, there will be a set of riffles that will require a portage approximately 1 mile upstream.



Partnership

This trail was made possible through a partnership between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Arlington Parks and Recreation, River Legacy Foundation and the River Legacy Living Science Center.



River Conditions

This reach of the Trinity river is a natural channel with a few fun riffles to navigate, but flow and water quality are influenced by water releases from upstream reservoirs, storm water runoff, and wastewater treatment plants. The water quality is suitable for canoeing, kayaking, and incidental contact, but not for swimming. Trips should not be attempted in high and turbulent water conditions.

Fishing

The river supports catfish, drum, sunfish and bass among other fish. Fish can be caught with the use of light tackle and a variety of baits. The Texas Department of State Health Services has issued a formal advisory regarding the consumption of fish from the river. Please consult www.dshs.state.tx.us/seafood/ or call 512-834-6757 before consuming fish caught from the river.

Wildlife and Ecology

Birds spotted here include Great Blue Herons, Northern Cardinals, Mallards, Snowy Egrets, and Yellow-crowned Night Herons. Enjoy viewing a wide variety of trees and plants along the banks including the flowering red bud, American elm, red oak, and American beautyberry. Common wildlife encountered on the river includes bobcats, raccoons, opossums and eastern fox squirrels.

Local Attraction

River Legacy Living Science Center
Nestled into a clearing of existing oak groves, the 12,000-square-foot nature center has a sustainable design that promotes a minimal impact on the environment. The Center houses the Foundation’s environmental education programs – including Nature School – and offers a full calendar of public programs and events. Amenities include interactive environmental exhibits, aquariums and terrariums with native wildlife, a gift shop, nature trails and a pond. Closed: Sundays and Mondays.
www.riverlegacy.org

Always remember...

Be Safe

Rivers are ever-changing dynamic systems with inherent dangers.

Follow basic safety rules:

- Never paddle alone.
- Always file a “float plan” - tell someone where you are going and when you are expected to return.
- Check weather forecasts.
- Carry a map of the stream so you can find your location at any time.
- Wear a Coast Guard approved Type III-V lifejacket and protective footwear.
- Carry drinking water, sunscreen, cell phone and insect repellent.
- Plan your trip so that your paddling skills are equal to the water conditions.

Conserve

Streams contribute to the flowing waters in Texas, influence downstream water quality and assimilate domestic wastewater. Healthy rivers and streams maintained by instream flows supply drinking water, support agriculture and industry, diverse fish and wildlife, fishing, hunting and other recreational activities which positively affect Texas’ economy. Water conservation is one way to ensure that the natural heritage of Texas is protected for all...every drop counts! To conserve rivers and streams, keep them clean, maintain native vegetation and participate in river clean-ups!

Respect Private Property

Respect private property by not trespassing or littering and keeping noise levels down. This river is classified as navigable, which permits public use of the stream bed and, if necessary, the banks to portage any hazard. Any other use of private river banks without permission of the landowner can be considered trespassing. Under Texas Penal Code (§30.05), criminal trespass occurs when one enters property after receiving notice not to enter. Notice includes verbal notice, a fence, sign(s), purple paint on posts or trees, or the visible presence of crops grown for human consumption.

To look for other day trips on the water

For information on inland and coastal Texas Paddling Trails, please visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/paddlingtrails.

Contact Numbers

Arlington Police and Fire Department	911
Operation Game Thief	(800) 792-4263
City of Arlington Parks and Recreation (sign maintenance)	(817) 459-5474
River Legacy Foundation	(817) 861-2576

...have fun!